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# The South Congregational Church.

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## A MANUAL,

CONTAINING

HISTORICAL SKETCH, LIST OF OFFICERS,

*Articles of Faith and Covenants,*

WITH

ITS PRINCIPLES AND RULES OF GOVERNMENT,

TOGETHER WITH

A LIST OF ITS MEMBERS,

AUGUST 1st, 1868.

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AS ALSO

A DIGEST OF THE STATE LAWS ON ECCLESIASTICAL ORGANIZATIONS,

AND

BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY.

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Brooklyn, N. Y.,

PRINTED FOR THE CHURCH.





## Officers of the Church.

1868.

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 Pastor,

HENRY M. STORRS.....Installed Dec. 23, 1867.

## Deacons,

S. NELSON DAVIS.....Term expires with Dec., 1868.  
 E. A. LAWRENCE.....Term expires with Dec., 1868.  
 JAMES S. BAILEY.....Term expires with Dec., 1869.  
 JOSEPH MERWIN.....Term expires with Dec., 1869.  
 CHARLES H. PARSONS.....Term expires with Dec., 1870.  
 N. A. BOYNTON.....Term expires with Dec., 1870.

## Examining Committee,

THE PASTOR, DEACONS AND CLERK, *Ex officio*.

WM. ROBINSON.....Term expires with Dec., 1868.  
 H. G. K. CALEF.....Term expires with Dec., 1868.  
 PATRICK MACDONALD.....Term expires with Dec., 1869.  
 H. C. HULBERT.....Term expires with Dec., 1869.  
 JOSEPH H. COLTON.....Term expires with Dec., 1870.  
 NATHANIEL FORD.....Term expires with Dec., 1870.

## Treasurer,

JEREMIAH CROWELL.

## Clerk,

G. L. G. BUSHNELL.

## Music Committee,

N. A. BOYNTON,  
 H. C. HULBERT,  
 WM. COIT.



## Officers of the Sabbath School.

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SUPERINTENDENT.....E. A. LAWRENCE.  
*Secretary and Treasurer*.....H. C. HULBERT.  
*Librarian*.....FREDERIC M. TURNER.  
*Assistant Librarian*.....EUGENE M. FORD.

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## Officers of the Society.

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### Trustees,

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S. NELSON DAVIS,  
 JOSEPH MERWIN,  
 WM. P. LIBBY,  
 WM. COIT,

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 WM. A. BROWN.

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### Treasurer,

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### Pew Committee,

WM. H. HULBERT,  
 JAMES S. BAILEY,  
 CHARLES H. PARSONS.

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### Sexton,

THOMAS COSGROVE, 191 Smith Street.

*The Pew Committee or the Sexton will attend to the renting of seats at the Church, Saturday evenings; or the Sexton, at the close of Sabbath Services.*



## Services of Public Worship.

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PREACHING—Sabbath, 10½ A.M., 7½ P.M. (Summer, 7¼ P.M.)

SABBATH SCHOOL—2½ P.M.

PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS—Monday evening.

SACRAMENT OF THE SUPPER—First Sabbath of January, March, May, July, September and November.

*Admission of Members and Baptism of Children* ordinarily on the morning of same days.

PREPARATORY LECTURE—Friday evening preceding Communion Sabbath.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING—Wednesday evening.

PRAYER AND CONFERENCE MEETING—Friday evening.

MONTHLY CONCERT FOR MISSIONS—Friday evening following first Monday.

MATERNAL ASSOCIATION—First Wednesday P.M., each month.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT AND SOCIAL REUNION—Alternate Thursdays through the Winter.

## Annual Meeting

OF THE CHURCH—Second Monday evening of December.

OF THE SOCIETY—Thursday evening following first Sabbath of January.



## History of the Church.

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### ORGANIZATION.

PERSUADED of the call for a new Church in South Brooklyn, Messrs. Henry C. Bowen, John T. Howard and James Freeland secured ground at the corner of Court and President Streets, and erected upon it an edifice containing Lecture, Sabbath School, and Pastor's Rooms.

This building, completed the last week of January, was opened for public worship on the first Sabbath of February, 1851.

At a meeting of those interested in the project, convened at the new chapel, Tuesday evening, February 4, 1851, the following resolution was passed by unanimous vote, viz.:

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to organize a Church in this place to be known as

“THE SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BROOKLYN.”

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. S. W. Grant, Solomon Freeman, S. H. Turner, E. S. Pinney, John T. Howard, C. M. Saxton, and H. C. Bowen, was then appointed to make the necessary arrangements; to report Articles of Faith, a Covenant, Ecclesiastical Principles and Rules of Government, a Manual for Business Meetings, etc.; also to examine the credentials of persons proposing themselves for membership.

Pursuant to letters missive from this Committee to the Congregational Pastors and Churches in the cities of Brooklyn and New York, a Council met at the Chapel, Monday, March 24th, and after thorough examination, proceeded to organize and recognize the new Church with the customary public services.

The Congregation subsequently met at the same place March 31st, 1851, and effected an ecclesiastical organization, under the laws of the State, taking as its corporate name

“THE SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.”

The certificate of incorporation was recorded in the Clerk's Office of King's County, May 1st, 1851.





### PASTORS.

**ITS FIRST PASTOR**—Rev. WM. H. MARSH, chosen by unanimous vote March 28th, and installed June 10th, 1851, resigned Sept. 4th, 1854 : his resignation was accepted the 18th of the same month.

**ITS SECOND PASTOR**—Rev. DANIEL MARCH, chosen by unanimous vote December 18th, 1854, and installed January 16th, 1855, resigned September 8th, 1856, and was dismissed by council the 15th of the same month.

**ITS THIRD PASTOR**—Rev. RUFUS W. CLARK, D.D., chosen by unanimous vote January 31st, and installed April 14th, 1857, resigned November 17th, 1862, and was dismissed by council the 30th of the same month.

**ITS FOURTH PASTOR**—Rev. EDWARD TAYLOR, chosen by unanimous vote November 23d, 1863, and installed May 9th, 1864, resigned March 1st, 1867, and was dismissed by council April 9th of the same year.

**ITS FIFTH PASTOR**—Rev. HENRY M. STORRS, D.D., chosen by unanimous vote October 7th, was installed December 23d, 1867.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Twenty-three members—eleven males and twelve females—constituted the infant church. Each year has witnessed gains and losses. The growth has been unsteady and variable. Interesting revivals have several times marked its history and brought in large accessions. But at no time has its Great Head left His people to unrewarded labors or unanswered prayers. The following summary will be of interest :

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Admitted on Profession.</i>	<i>Admitted on Recommendation.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
The church numbered as organized	11	12	—	—	23
Added, 1851—1859, nine years	135	207	149	193	342
Added, 1860—1868, nine years	104	200	145	159	304
Aggregates	250	419	294	352	669
Dismissed since organization					266
Died					32
Excommunicated					1
Watch and care withdrawn					62
					— 361
Total membership, Aug. 1, 1868	Males, 114.	Females, 194.			308



### ITS SPHERE AND PROSPECTS.

While this part of the city is attracting less of immigration just now than some others, and we have close about us an energetic sisterhood of well-established churches pushing their several work, still there is no lack of room for our whole strength. It is no light matter to pervade all families in South Brooklyn, rich and poor, with religion ; to meet the youth, and win them, and train them, whether home-born or strangers, to Christ's service—to reach this entire population with Christian ministrations, temporal and spiritual.

Prayer meetings with their hundred and fifty attendants ; a Sabbath School with three hundred members ; Sabbath congregations of five or six hundred worshippers ; the securing of some \$12,000 annually for Christian work at home and abroad ; a general influence for good upon community—these things taken together will not satisfy the Christian ambition of a church numbering now its three hundred, and more, members ; with so much of accumulated strength ; with a history of revivals in it ; and so well compacted as this by mutual love. We need nothing but a right apprehension of the work laid upon us with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, that the future of this Church should be “all glorious within.”



## Admission to the Church.

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### ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES.

WE are present, beloved friends, to accompany your dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ with grateful praise and prayer. You regard yourselves as already consecrated by secret vows, partakers of the grace of God, and true members of his spiritual body.

But, constrained by the love of Christ, you seek this open acknowledgment of his claims, and public union with his people. You approach his altar to present your bodies living sacrifices—holy, acceptable—your reasonable service. Henceforth each of you must say, “Thy vows are upon me, O God!”—vows that may be broken, but can never be annulled. They will follow you to the judgment seat of Christ. Even now we stand in his Presence.

You might well fear but for the promise that is left you. He is very pitiful and of tender mercy. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, and having an High Priest over the house of God, which can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience [and our bodies washed with pure water], and without wavering make this

### PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH.

WE believe in ONE GOD—revealed in Scripture and known in Redemption as the Father, and the Son, and the



Holy Ghost—Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things; Himself a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable; long suffering and full of compassion; a God that hears and answers prayer.

We believe in THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, given by inspiration of God for our supreme and only infallible rule of faith and practice.

We believe in THE UPRIGHTNESS OF MAN, as first made in the image of God: in his fall from that state by sin; that he is now alienated from God by nature, and so remains his enemy by wicked works, unless reconciled through Christ, and regenerated by his Spirit.

We believe in THE GRACE OF GOD, which hath appeared unto all men, bringing salvation, that we might not perish, but have everlasting life;

And in HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST, who was made flesh, became obedient unto death, and gave Himself in atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world, but rose from the dead on the third day, and ascended into Heaven, where He ever liveth—a King and a Priest upon his throne—to make intercession, to give repentance and remission of sins, and to reign till He hath put all enemies under his feet;

And in THE HOLY GHOST, sent forth to testify of Him; to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; that being turned from sin and justified by grace men should have peace with God, be numbered among his children, sanctified by his Spirit, and finally presented before his Presence with exceeding glory.

We believe in THE GODLY LIFE OF FAITH; that, redeemed by the blood of Christ, we ought so to walk even as He walked; to live a life of prayer; to do justly and love mercy; to deny and not to please ourselves; to take the cross and follow Him, as being consecrated to the kingdom of God.





We believe in THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH and THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, with its sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as of Divine institution and perpetual obligation.

We believe in THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, both of the just and the unjust; that we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ—the wicked, to go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

DO YOU THUS BELIEVE?

*[Each candidate assenting.]*

It is then your privilege to enter into the following

#### C O V E N A N T S .

IN the presence of God, and angels and men, you do this day avouch the Lord Jehovah to be the object of your supreme affections, and your chosen portion forever.

You receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your rightful King, and the Holy Ghost as your Sanctifier, Comforter and Guide. You humbly and heartily consecrate yourself by an everlasting covenant to the service of this God, your Redeemer, and do solemnly engage that, earnestly seeking the help of his Spirit, you will cleave to Him—hearkening to his Word, observing his Ordinances, and keeping his Sabbaths—and that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, you will live soberly, righteously, and as a child of God in this present world, looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And you do cordially join yourself to this particular church, submitting to its government and discipline in the Gospel; aiming always to strengthen its interests, to increase its numbers, peace and spiritual power, and to walk with its members in the fidelity, love and meekness of Christ.

DO YOU MAKE THIS SOLEMN COVENANT WITH GOD AND WITH THIS CHURCH?



[*Each candidate assenting.*]

While those of you brought to Baptism by parental faith thus renew and ratify its consecrating vows, making their act your own, let all others hitherto denied now approach and receive that seal of the covenant. So "shall He sprinkle many nations."

[*Baptism having been administered.*]

We then, the members of this church [*all rising*], do receive you into our number, promising to watch over you with Christian love and tenderness; ever treating you—in strength and pain, in wealth or in want, in temptation and deliverance, through good report and through evil report, in life and in death—as A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, who is Head over all things to the Church.

And this we do—remembering your weakness and ours, and considering the deep solemnity of this transaction and of these vows—with humble prayer to the Great Shepherd of Israel, our Lord and Redeemer, that both we and you may be faithful to this covenant forever.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee;

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace,"—

Amen and Amen.



## Covenant at the Baptism of Children.

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YOU, who now present your children, to receive upon them the seal of God's covenant, profess yourselves believers in God and in his Son, and in the verity and continuance of his promise to his children, to be a Father to them and to their seed after them. You covenant, on your part, in the presence of God, and of these witnesses, to train these children, whom He hath given you, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to instruct them in the knowledge of all Divine Truth, as you may have opportunity, but especially in the Way of Salvation through Jesus Christ; to walk before them daily, as God may give you grace, in the cheerful and holy beauty of the Christian life; to seek, as your chief end concerning them, their renewal of heart, and their salvation in the Redeemer; and to labor, in all ways, with devout and prayerful endeavor, to prepare them to accomplish God's will on earth, and to enter his rest and glory in the skies.

DO YOU THUS PROMISE?

As the Minister of Christ, then, I baptize them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

[*The name of the child must be given to the Minister in writing, with the date of its birth, and the name of its parents.*]



## QUESTIONS.

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THE following questions are affectionately recommended to the prayerful and frequent perusal of each member of this Church :

1. Are you in the practice of daily secret prayer ?
  2. Are you in the practice of daily family prayer ?
  3. Do you daily read the word of God, with a prayerful desire to improve in Christian knowledge ?
  4. Do you make it a matter of conscience to attend all the meetings for social worship appointed by the Church, except as the providence of God shall otherwise direct ?
  5. Are you doing what you can in the Sabbath-school, and elsewhere, for the conversion of sinners ?
  6. Is your *property* consecrated to Christ ?
  7. Do you cultivate a spirit of Christian tenderness towards your brethren ?
  8. Do you make it a solemn matter of conscience never to visit any place of amusement or social pleasures on which you cannot first ask the Divine blessing ?
  9. Do you feel a readiness to forgive and pray for your enemies ?
  10. Do you labor to promote your own sanctification and that of your brethren ?
  11. Do you pray for the minister, and for the officers of the Church ?
  12. Are you growing *more, or less* like Christ : *more, or less* self-denying ; *more, or less* heavenly minded and lovely ; *more, or less* ready to die and go to the judgment ?
- “Search me, O God ! and know my heart ; try me and know my thoughts ; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”





## ECCESTASTICAL PRINCIPLES AND RULES.

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1. **THIS CHURCH**, as to its internal organization—the regulation of its own affairs, its doctrine, order and discipline—is an independent body, and amenable to no other organization.

2. **CONNECTION WITH OTHER CHURCHES.**—This church will extend to other evangelical churches, and receive from them, that fellowship, advice, and assistance, which the laws of Christ require.

3. **ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.**—Application for church membership, either by letter or profession, must be made to the Examining Committee; and those approved shall be propounded to the church and congregation two weeks before the communion. They shall become members by vote of the church, and giving a public assent to the Articles of Faith and Covenant. Members of the church are entitled to be present, and participate in the examination of candidates.

4. **DISMISSION OF MEMBERS.**—It is expected that members, on removing, will ask for letters of dismission and recommendation. Requests for such letters may be announced at the weekly prayer-meeting or lecture; and if at the end of one week no objection has been made to the clerk, he shall issue the customary certificate.

5. **REVISION.**—Upon the recommendations of the Deacons, the Church may revise its rolls by erasing therefrom the names of absentees, whenever in its judgment the spiritual welfare of the parties concerned, and the order, purity, and peace of the Church may be thereby better promoted than by a regular course of discipline.

6. **CENSURABLE OFFENSES.**—This Church considers immoral conduct, breach of express covenant vows, neglect of acknowledged religious or relative duties, and avowed disbelief of the articles of faith to which the members have assented, as offenses subject to the censure of the Church.

7. **COMPLAINTS.**—Complaints against offending members must be first presented to the Examining Committee, who shall, upon sufficient



cause, present the case to the Church. But no complaint shall be entertained, unless those means of reconciliation and of privately reclaiming the offender, shall, if possible, have been employed, which are required by Christ in the XVIII. chapter of Matthew.

When a member is accused, he shall be seasonably furnished with a copy of the complaint, and shall have a full hearing.

8. CENSURES.—The censures inflicted on offenders, are, private reproof, public admonition, suspension, or excommunication, according to the aggravation of the offense ; and in case of excommunication, notice thereof shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath.

9. OFFICERS.—The stated officers of the Church shall be the Pastor, Deacons, Examining Committee, Clerk and Treasurer.

10. DEACONS.—The number of Deacons shall be six ; and at each annual church meeting in December, two shall be elected for three years, and, at the expiration of their terms of office, they shall be ineligible for one year.

Before entering upon their duties, those who have not been previously consecrated to the office, shall be set apart by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the pastor.

It shall be the duty of the Deacons, to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper, to distribute the charities of the Church, to minister especially to such of the congregation as are in any affliction, to preside at religious meetings of the Church for which provision is not otherwise made, and in the absence or at the request of the Pastor, to provide a supply for the pulpit.

11. EXAMINING COMMITTEE.—In addition to the Pastor, Deacons and Clerk, who shall be members *ex-officio*, the Examining Committee shall consist of six brethren, elected for three years, two members to be chosen annually ; and at the expiration of their terms of office they shall be ineligible for one year.

12. DUTIES OF THE CLERK.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the doings of the Church at its business meetings, and notify officers of their election ; also to keep the Covenant, Confession of Faith, Form of Admission, Ecclesiastical Principles and Rules recorded in a place by themselves, and a chronological list of its members, with the times of their admission, dismissal, or death, so far as he can ascertain the same.



13. **VACANCIES.**—Vacancies in any of the offices, occurring between the annual meetings, may be filled at any regular business meeting, notice of the intention to fill such vacancies having been given from the pulpit on the previous Sabbath.

14. **OFFICERS, HOW ELECTED.**—All officers shall be elected by ballot, without nomination : and all elections shall be determined by the vote of the majority of male members, of lawful age, present and voting.

15. **EXPIRATION OF OFFICE.**—The terms of Office of the Deacons, Examining Committee, Clerk and Treasurer, shall expire with the last day of December.

16. **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH.**—A meeting for the choice of officers, the appointment of committees on Christian Work, Benevolences, and Sabbath School, and for other business, shall be held annually, on the second Monday evening of December, at which written reports shall be made by the Deacons, and the committees just named, covering their several departments ; as also one by the Examining Committee on the state of the Church, and its history during the previous year, including an account of the members received and dismissed. A report shall also be presented by the Treasurer, and his accounts duly audited. And the following shall be the *order of business* :

1. Annual Reports.
2. Proposed Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Rules, etc.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Resolutions and other business.

17. **SPECIAL MEETINGS** may be called by the Pastor, or by a majority of the Deacons, or by the Clerk at the written request of seven male members of lawful age : but notice shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath.

18. **MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING.**—A business meeting of the Church may be held, in connection with the religious services, on the Friday evening next preceding the first Sabbath in each month.

19. **MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP** shall be held Sabbath morning and evening ; also on Friday evening ; the *Monthly Concert for Missions* falling ordinarily on that succeeding the first Monday of each month. and the *Preparatory Lecture* on that preceding communion Sabbath.

And it shall be the duty of members to attend the meetings appointed by the Church, unless providentially prevented.





20. THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER shall be celebrated on the first Sabbath of January, March, May, July, September and November. But the Deacons shall have power to change the time of any one communion.

21. THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM shall be administered to the children of believers ordinarily on the morning of Communion Sabbath ; and to unbaptized adults after their public profession of faith in Christ and before they approach the Table of the Lord.

22. AN OFFERING shall be taken at every communion service ; and the fund thus obtained shall be held by the Deacons, and used in assisting poor members and meeting current expenses of the Church.

23. THE EXPENSES OF DELEGATES in attending Ecclesiastical Councils shall be paid by the Deacons out of the Church fund : and such delegations shall report the doings of the bodies to which they were sent at the next business meeting of the Church.

24. METHOD OF CONDUCTING BUSINESS MEETINGS.—The Pastor shall be *ex-officio* Moderator. In his absence, when the appointed time for the meeting arrives, the stated Clerk shall call the Church to order, and a Moderator being nominated, shall put the question upon the choice. If the stated Clerk should not be present, any member may rise in his place, nominate a Moderator, and put the question ; and a Clerk *pro tem.* shall then be chosen.

All decisions of the presiding officer are subject to revision by the Church.

Every motion must be made in writing, *if required* by any member ; and, when seconded, must be read by the Moderator and submitted to the consideration of the Church. Until this motion is disposed of, all subsequent propositions must be made by way of amendment to it. An amendment may go to the exclusion, addition, or substitution of words or sentences ; indeed, a motion to amend by striking out all the words after the word *resolved*, and substituting an entirely new proposition upon the same subject, is in order. Until some vote has been taken on a resolution, or an amendment offered, it may be withdrawn by the mover. Certain motions which are termed "*privileged*," may be made at *any time*, viz. : to postpone indefinitely, to refer to a committee, to lay on the table (which means to lay aside for the present), to postpone to a future time fixed, and to adjourn. All these motions may be debated, except the last. When a member is speaking, no motion can be made but with his consent.





When any motion is before the Church, every member has a right to express his views concerning it ; and while doing so, the Moderator is bound to confine him in his remarks to the point under consideration, and also to protect him against all interruption, except to call him to order if he violates the rules of courtesy or of debate ; but after the matter of order is adjusted, he has a right to go on to the end of his remarks.

The proposition *last made* is always the proposition under consideration, and the first to be voted on ; so that when several amendments or propositions are before the meeting, the order in which they are to be voted upon is usually the *reverse* of the order in which they were made. If several *sums* are proposed, the *largest* is to be first put to vote ; if several *times*, the *longest* ; and as to the numbers generally, the *largest*.

When a motion is put to vote it should be first clearly stated from the Chair, so that there may be no possible misunderstanding about it. The usual mode of voting shall be by the uplifted hand. If any member thinks the Moderator in error, or that an accurate count would change the result, he has a right to demand it immediately ; in which case the question must be put again, and the vote carefully counted. After the question is put to vote, there can be no debate, and no new proposition made, until the voting is finished. After the vote is taken, any member who voted in the *majority*, may, during the *same* meeting, move a reconsideration ; which motion opens the subject again for debate ; and if the vote to reconsider be adopted, the whole matter stands just as it did before the reconsidered vote was taken.

Questions of *order* are to be decided by the Moderator ; but if any member thinks the decision incorrect, he can appeal to the meeting ; and the decision on that appeal will be final.

When the report of a committee is presented, it will of course be put on file. A vote to accept, and adopt, is an expression of concurrence with the views of the committee.

A member who has a motion to make, may preface it with such remarks as explain his design ; but with this exception speaking is out of order, unless some definite proposition has been submitted and is under consideration.

25. ALTERATION OF RULES.—The Confession of Faith, Covenant, Form of Admission, or Ecclesiastical Principles and Rules, shall not be altered, except by a vote of two-thirds of the male members, of lawful age, present and voting at an annual meeting, or at a meeting



called by the Examining Committee, in a written notice, stating the extent of the proposed alteration, and published from the pulpit on two successive Sabbaths, nor shall such alteration be considered at any annual meeting, unless a notice containing the substance thereof shall have been given in writing, at a previous business meeting. But any of its Rules, except this 25th, may be temporarily suspended by general agreement of the church, at one of its regular meetings.

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## Basis of Union

### BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE SOCIETY.

1. The Society shall hold the property, and receive the income, and make all pecuniary engagements, appropriations, and payments.

2. In calling a Pastor, the Society and Church will act as concurrent bodies—a majority of each being necessary to constitute a call; the Church nominating, and the Society confirming or rejecting the nomination.

3. The Church will provide for the supply of the pulpit when there is no settled Pastor; make the necessary arrangements for singing, and in general, for the orderly celebration of religious worship; and the Society will liquidate all reasonable expenses thereby incurred.



# THE SOCIETY

## OF THE

# South Congregational Church

Will be governed in its action by the following Digest of the State Laws relating to Ecclesiastical Organizations, and its own By-Laws, made in agreement therewith :

### Digest of the Laws of the State.

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#### ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

1. Public notice must be given at least fifteen days before the said organization and election, and on two successive Sabbaths.

2. Two members of the congregation, to be nominated by a majority of the members present, shall preside at the election, receive the votes of the electors, and be the judges of the qualification of such electors ; and after the election they shall certify, under their hands and seals, the names of the persons elected as Trustees, the corporate name adopted, and have the same acknowledged and recorded in the County Clerk's office.

3. Only male persons of lawful age are entitled to vote.

4. No person who has not steadily worshipped with the congregation, or being considered a member, can vote.

5. Not less than three, nor more than nine persons, shall be elected as Trustees.

6. A plurality of voices shall decide the election.

#### SEAL OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees shall have and use a common seal, which may be altered and renewed at pleasure.

#### POWER OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. They shall take and hold possession of all the property of the Society, both real and personal.

2. In their corporate name, they can sue and be sued.



3. They shall have power to repair and alter their places of worship, and, if necessary, to erect a new edifice, and also to purchase or build a dwelling-house for the Pastor.

4. They may make rules for managing the temporal affairs of the Society.

5. May dispose of the income of the Society according to their judgment.

6. Shall regulate the prices, and order the renting of pews.

7. Shall appoint a Clerk and Treasurer of the Board, who may be removed at pleasure.

#### MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

Any two of the Trustees shall have power to call a Special Meeting of the Board.

A majority of the whole number of Trustees only shall have power to attend to business at any meeting lawfully convened.

#### TRUSTEES TO BE DIVIDED INTO CLASSES.

The Trustees first chosen at the organization of any religious society shall be divided into three classes, to the intent that one-third of the members of the Board shall vacate their office at the end of each year.

After the first election, all Trustees shall hold their office for the term of three years.

#### NOTICE OF NEW ELECTIONS OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees, or a majority of them, shall, at least one month before the expiration of the office of any of the Trustees, notify the same in writing to the Minister, or in case of his death or absence, to the Deacons, specifying the names of those whose term will expire; and the said Minister or Deacons shall give fifteen days' notice to the congregation, on two successive Sabbaths, of a new election, which election shall be held at least six days before such vacancies shall occur.

Any two members present, appointed by the Society, may preside at the election.

#### DEATH OF TRUSTEES, REMOVAL, ETC.

All vacancies by death, removal, or refusal to act, shall be filled in the same manner, and with the same public notice given, as at the regular elections.







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**VOTERS AFTER THE ORGANIZATION.**

No person belonging to the Society shall be entitled to vote at any election succeeding the first, until he shall have been a stated attendant on divine worship at least *one year* before such election, and shall have contributed to the support of said Society according to the usages and customs thereof.

The clerk of the Board of Trustees shall keep a register of the names of the legal voters, and shall, at all elections, decide upon their qualifications.

**MINISTER'S SALARY.**

The Trustees shall not have power to fix upon the sum to be paid the Minister for his support, but the same shall be determined by a majority of legal voters at a meeting to be called for that purpose.

**REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES.**

The Society may reduce the number of their Trustees at any Annual Meeting, provided said number be not less than three.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

It shall be lawful for any Society, at its stated Annual Meeting, to alter and fix the time for the next Annual Meeting and election of Trustees.

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**Rules and By-Laws.**


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I. The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, for the election of Trustees and other business, will be held on Thursday evening following the first Sabbath in January.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

1. Reading the call of the meeting, duly certified by the Pastor, or some other officer of the church.
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Election of Trustees and other officers.
4. Other business.

II. SPECIAL MEETINGS for business may be called by a majority of the Trustees, or by the Clerk at the written request of eleven male members of lawful age ; but due notice thereof shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath.



## List of Members.

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| Abel, E. L.,                    | Ambler, John,               |
| Abel, Jane (E. L.),             | Appleton, Emma A., Mrs.,    |
| Adams, Elizabeth S.,            | Armour, Mary A., Mrs.,      |
| Adamson, M. J., Mrs.,           |                             |
| Babcock, Frederica De F., Mrs., | Bird, Amelia S. (G. H. W.), |
| Bailey, Frank T.,               | Boardman, Manly B.,         |
| Bailey, James S.,               | Boardman, Mary (M. B.),     |
| Bailey, Augusta C. (J. S.),     | Boate, Sophia K.,           |
| Bailey, James S., Jr.,          | Bokee, David M.,            |
| Barker, Harriet,                | Bokee, Marion (D. M.),      |
| Barnes, Mary H., Mrs.,          | Boyer, Alanson,             |
| Barnett, Charlotte,             | Boyer, Amelia S. (A.),      |
| Barnett, Elizabeth,             | Boynton, Charles B.,        |
| Barnett, Emma,                  | Boynton, George A.,         |
| Barnett, Jane D., Mrs.,         | Boynton, N. A.,             |
| Barnett, Mary,                  | Boynton, P. W. (N. A.),     |
| Barrett, Florilla A.,           | Brigham, Susan C., Mrs.,    |
| Barton, Augusta L.,             | Brooks, James B.,           |
| Barton, Mary M., Mrs.,          | Brown, Alice C.,            |
| Bates, Andrew,                  | Brown, Anna M.,             |
| Bates, Margaret (A.),           | Brown, William A.,          |
| Beadle, Harry H.,               | Brown, Phebe K. (W. A.),    |
| Beadle, M. A. (H. H.),          | Brown, John W.,             |
| Becker, Mary Amelia,            | Brown, Mary (J. W.),        |
| Bestow, Marcus P.,              | Brown, Mary W.,             |
| Bestow, Annie W. (M. P.),       | Bryant, Susan F.,           |
| Bird, G. H. W.,                 | Bushnell, George L. G.,     |
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| Calef, H. G. K.,                | Campbell, Maria, Mrs.,      |
| Calef, Margaret S. (H. G. K.),  | Campbell, Phebe E.,         |
| Calef, Julia A.,                | Chadwick, A. B.,            |



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| Clark, Frances P., Mrs.,          | Colton, Joseph H.,           |
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| Clark, William W.,                | Cosgrove, Thomas,            |
| Clark, Elizabeth Wyckoff (W. W.), | Crowell, Jeremiah,           |
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| Cleveland, George H.,             | Cruikshank, William,         |
| Cleveland, Orrin L.,              | Cummings, Mary, Mrs.,        |
| Cleveland, Catharine E. (O. L.),  | Cummings, William Arthur,    |
| Clirehugh, Margaret, Mrs.,        | Cummings, William B.,        |
| Clirehugh, Vair,                  | Cummings, Mary P. (W. B.),   |
| Clirehugh, William Arthur,        | Curtiss, Mary E., Mrs.,      |
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| Davidson, Sarah M.,               | De Forrest, Hannah M., Mrs., |
| Davis, George,                    | Demilt, E., Mrs.,            |
| Davis, Mary A. (George),          | Dick, John,                  |
| Davis, S. Nelson,                 | Doten, Edward M.,            |
| Davis, Julia F. (S. Nelson),      | Durkee, Julia G., Mrs.,      |
| Edwards, S. J.,                   | Evans, Harriet H., Mrs.,     |
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| Ford, Nathaniel,                  | Fowler, Sophia (William M.), |
| Ford, Harriet N. (Nathaniel),     |                              |
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| Gauntt, Mary A., Mrs.,            | Gooch, Priscilla (Wm.),      |
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| Gladwin, Amelia A. (Gustavus),    | Groot, Elizabeth T.,         |
| Gladwin, Theodore F.,             |                              |



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 McKetchie, Rubena (T.),  
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 Merwin, Joseph,  
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